

REMARKS

Status

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 7, 2008, in which Claims 14-22 were allowed and Claims 1-13 and 23-31 were rejected. Claims 1-4, 7-9, 23, and 26-31 have been canceled; Claims 5, 10, and 24 have been amended; and no new claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 5, 6, 10-22, 24, and 25 are pending in the application, and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that Claims 14-22 are allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Rejected Claims 5, 6, 10-13, 24, and 25 are now dependent on an allowable independent claim, and are now accordingly believed to be allowable.

Accordingly, Claims 5, 6, 10-22, 24, and 25 are pending in the application

Claim Objection

Claim 23 stands object to for informalities. Claim 23 has been canceled, accordingly, this objection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC 102

Claims 1-13 and 23-31 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,198,837 (*Sasano*).

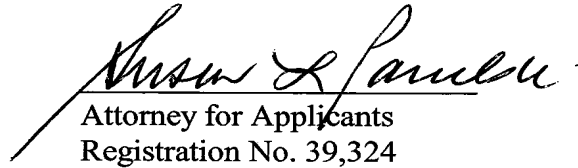
In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-4, 7-9, 23, and 26-31 and amended Claims 5, 6, 10-13, 24, and 25 to be dependent on an allowable independent claim. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Summary

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

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